

Roosevelt Wins.

Col. Theodore Roosevelt on Saturday last won his libel suit against George A. Newett, who charged the colonel with drunkenness, having waived damages after the defendant had uttered a retraction. The jury awarded the nominal damages of six cents provided in such cases by the law of Michigan. Each party to the suit will have to pay his own expenses.

Judge Flannigan instructed the jury to bring in a verdict for the plaintiff, which they did without leaving their seats. The colonel left for Chicago and the east at 5:40 o'clock Saturday evening, less than two hours after the conclusion of the case.

The climax of the case came like the conclusion of a powerful drama. When the afternoon session began the air was electrical with expectancy. Rumors were flying that the suit would be terminated. Counsel, however, remained uncommunicative, and Attorney Van Benschoten, for the plaintiff, resumed the reading of depositions. It was noted, however, that he skipped portions of these, and even ignored the testimony of some witnesses who had made depositions. The next move was sudden.

"The defense will call Mr. Newett," announced Attorney Benschoten, and a red-headed man whose color did not disguise the fact that he is suffering from a serious illness, took the chair. In his hand he carried a manuscript. There was a shuffle of sound as the spectators adjusted themselves, the better to hear and to observe. Col. Roosevelt sat with folded arms, at first, but when the defendant began reading his statement he moved to the utmost edge of his chair and betrayed an excitement which his right jaws could not hide. Newett was well along in his reading before the colonel, whose position seemed like that of a man about to leap forward, lost the tense look on his face.

"It is fair to the plaintiff to state that I have been unable to find in any section of the country any individual witness who is willing to state that he has personally seen Mr. Roosevelt drink to excess." At this the plaintiff smiled and then broke into a grin when Newett, speaking with emphasis, said with reference to the mass of testimony adduced by the plaintiff: "I am forced to the conclusion that I was mistaken."

The statement admitted that a search of the country had been made to investigate stories of persons who were alleged to have knowledge that Roosevelt drank to excess, but in every case the stories flattened out to mere opinion or hearsay.

The libel was published in good faith, Newett said, in the belief that it was true and proper information for a public which was being asked to vote for Roosevelt for president. That it was true, the defendant said, he never questioned until the libel suit was begun, and he believed the assertion until the trial opened.

No demand for a retraction ever has been made, he stated, and when the bill was filed against him, there was nothing else for him to do but seek evidence and make other preparations to contest the suit. Forty depositions were taken in various parts of the country, but to use them, or attempt to use them, would be to continue an injustice which had already become apparent to him and to his attorney.

Leaving the stand and returning to his seat, Newett looked in the direction of Col. Roosevelt, but the latter was absorbed in whispering to Attorney Van Benschoten. The latter turned to Judge Flannigan and said:

"With the court's permission the plaintiff would like to make a brief announcement."

The judge nodded and Roosevelt arose. Bowing to the court, the colonel said that he would waive the matter of damages, save, for the nominal amount provided by law. Speaking of his purpose of instituting the suit he said:

"I wish once for all during my life time to deal with those slanders so that never again will it be possible for any man in good faith to repeat them."

Examination Notice.

Examinations for teacher's certificates will be held at Maitland School building, Friday and Saturday, June 6 and 7. The order of subjects will be the same as heretofore.

Applicants for second and first grade certificates must have had one year's work in an approved high school. Blanks for the certification of high school work may be secured from the county superintendent.

Persons attending normal schools need not return to the county to take the examinations, but may take the examinations under the respective county superintendent and send papers to the state superintendent or Superintendent Rock for grading.

EARL A. ROCK,
County Superintendent.

—See Frank Foster for second-hand buggies.

How They Do It.

Saturday afternoon the representatives of the various road districts met at the Commercial club rooms and selected the following representatives for the summer: Chairman, Richard Gillis; secretary, Chris Strobel. They also selected judges in compliance with the rules of the contest that is being conducted by the Commercial club. John Slater of Bigelow, James Jackson of Fairfax and Lum Patterson of Maitland, were selected as judges. The judges, together with President Schellenberger and Secretary Weightman of the Commercial club, met Tuesday and made inspection of the roads and you may expect some good road building from now on.

In the neighborhood of seventy-five miles of road will be kept up this summer through the efforts of the Commercial club—Jeffersonian, May 29, 1913.

Trim Your Hedges.

Hedge along public roads in Jackson county must be trimmed. Frank Rozelle, county counselor, told the county court recently that it is the duty of the road overseers to notify property owners who have hedge along public roads to trim it to a height of not more than five feet. This must be done within thirty days or prosecutions will begin, said Mr. Rozelle. The county court will instruct the overseers to give notice. —Kansas City Star.

We do hope our prosecuting attorney will do likewise and take the necessary steps to have the hedges along Holt's thoroughfares properly trimmed.

Mayflower.

Delayed Letter, May 30.
Chester Schank left Monday for a trip west.

—Mr. and Mrs. George Norris spent Sunday with Hugh Brohan and family.

—Mrs. Hugh Brohan and daughter, Stella, were Oregon callers Saturday.

—Ray Hyder is helping George Norris a few days this week planting corn.

—Mrs. John Schank, little Brona and Ophelia, spent Sunday with Mrs. Emma Grimes, son Ray and wife and baby.

—Gladys and Leone Ramsey spent Saturday night with their aunt, Mrs. Henry Noble and family.

—Misses Ethel and Marvill Hart of Andrew county spent Saturday and Sunday with their uncle, John Schank and family.

—Mr. George Norris, Hugh Brohan and sons, Patrick and Frank, went fishing the first of the week in the Notaway river.

—Mrs. John Schank entertained a few friends Friday night in honor of Mr. Schank's cousin, Herman Schank and Miss Ethel Hart. Refreshments were apples, popcorn, lemonade, cake and bananas. They returned home at a late hour, thanking Mrs. Schank for the good time they had. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. James Williams, Mr. and Mrs. John Milne, Dr. Hogan, Willie Morley of Forbes, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Grimes, Miss Marion Dick, Lida and Valley Deglow, Edie, Grace and Jessie Cordrey, James Feuerbacher, Lawrence Deglow of Highland neighborhood, Misses Elmore and Kate Norris, Gertie Stadler, Stella Heckman, Grace Graham, Messrs. Alfred and Herman Sommers, Herman Schank, Patrick and Frank Brohan, Floyd Fred, Emerson Hughes, Ray Allen, wife and baby Friend, Ethel and Marvill Hart of Andrew county.

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Negligence the Cause.

Official investigation of the Ohio floods has disclosed the fact that negligence was mainly the cause of the disastrous inundation of cities in that state. Engineers have discovered that twice during the last fifty years there was greater rainfall than occurred at the time of these disasters. Furthermore, that during all this time only temporary repairs, such as was absolutely necessary, were made to the dams and walls of storage reservoirs, notwithstanding decay and weakness and the certain knowledge that extraordinary pressure would burst them. In other words, the lesson taught by the Johnstown disaster has not been learned by the corporations and individuals of Ohio who own and control these dams and reservoirs.

As at Johnstown, so in Ohio, a few dollars properly expended might have saved hundreds of lives and millions of dollars worth of property. But the dollars were not expended, the supreme test came and there followed disaster that appalled the civilized world. Ohio legislators will now enact laws providing for the supervision, regulation and control of dams and reservoirs and punishment of those who fail to comply with these laws. This is pretty good evidence that the state knows where it is at in this matter. Ohio has every reason to enact such laws because of the large number of dams and reservoirs still in existence, contributory to its old canal system which, though discarded still leaves these dams and reservoirs to menace the lives and property of citizens.

Chautauqua Dates.

Dates have been fixed for the various chautauquas to be held in Holt county this year:
Forest City, July 2-5.
Craig, July 11-15.
Mound City, August 7-13.
Oregon, August 14-17.

ATTENTION, COMRADES.

Members of Meyer Post, G. A. R., will please remember their next meeting will be held Saturday, June 7, 1913, at 2 p. m., at the home of F. S. Morgan. On Saturday, June 28, their regular meeting will be held at the home of T. C. Duncan. Let there be a full attendance.

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